## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA MACON DIVISION

YOLANDA GRISWELL, as EXECUTOR of the Estate of MARY SMALLWOOD, and Individually and on Behalf of All Legal Beneficiaries of MARY SMALLWOOD,

Plaintiff,

v. : Civil Action No. 5:10-CV-174 (HL)

BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORPORATION, BAXTER INTERNATIONAL, INC., SCIENTIFIC PROTEIN LABORATORIES, LLC, AMERICAN CAPITAL, LTD., and COLISEUM MEDICAL CENTER, LLC,

Defendants.

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## **ORDER**

Before the Court is the parties' Motion to Stay Proceedings (Doc. 11). The parties have requested that the Court stay all proceedings until such time as any one of the parties requests that the stay be lifted. The parties wish to further investigate the manufacturer of the heparin that was administered to the decedent, Ms. Smallwood.

Plaintiff states a number of times in her complaint that the allegedly contaminated heparin administered to the decedent, which Plaintiff contends ultimately lead to the decedent's death, was manufactured by Defendants. (See Complaint, ¶¶ 67, 76, 81, 133, 137). If a question has arisen as to whether or not

the Defendants actually manufactured the heparin in question, that is a matter for

discovery. The parties will be given ample time for discovery, and given that Plaintiff

knows the NDC numbers of the vials from which the heparin administered to the

decedent came (see Complaint, ¶ 61), it should not be difficult to determine whether

Defendants manufactured the heparin or not. The Court will not indefinitely stay a

case for Plaintiff to gather information that should have been gathered before the

lawsuit was filed.

The Motion to Stay Proceedings (Doc. 11) is denied. In addition, the parties'

Motions for a Briefing Schedule on Plaintiff's Motion to Remand (Docs. 12 and 14)

are denied. The parties are to respond and reply to the Motion to Remand according

to the schedule set forth in Local Rule 7.

**SO ORDERED**, this the 28th day of May, 2010.

/s/ Hugh Lawson

**HUGH LAWSON, SENIOR JUDGE** 

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